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**SUBJECT: Sumitomo Metal Mining Pogo LLC (Pogo), Unit 412 Incinerator Site Specific Operating Limits Final Report January 2014.**

Dear Sir or Madame:

Enclosed is Sumitomo Metal Mining Pogo LLC (Pogo) Unit 412 Incinerator Site Specific Operating Limits Final Report dated January 2014 (Report). After a meeting held with EPA Region 10 on December 12, 2013 in Seattle, Washington, Pogo revised the Report to incorporate feedback from Mr. Zach Hedgpeth, EPA. The primary and secondary combustion chamber temperature limits were revised to be based on rolling 3-hour averages as requested.

Pogo's incinerator is subject to the requirements of the Clean Air Act New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste Incineration (CISWI) Units, 40 C.F.R. Part 60, Subpart CCCC (Subpart CCCC). Pogo's incinerator is a small, remote incinerator under 40 C.F.R. Part 60 Subpart CCCC and subject to the emission limits in Table 8 of Subpart CCCC.

The operating limits are identified in Pogo's Petition submitted to EPA in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 60.2115. EPA approved Pogo's petition on September 27, 2013. As required in 40 C.F.R. § 60.2200(b), Pogo submitted a Site Specific Operating Limits Report which provides the values of all seven operating limits established during the initial performance test.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at 907-895-2879 or email me at [Sally.McLeod@smmpogo.com](mailto:Sally.McLeod@smmpogo.com).

Sincerely,

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Attachment: Unit 412 Site Specific Operating Limits Final Report January 2014

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**Sumitomo Metal Mining Pogo LLC  
Unit 412 Site Specific Operating Limits  
Final Report**

Submitted to:  
Sumitomo Metal Mining Pogo LLC  
Delta Junction, Alaska

Submitted By:  
Specialized Environmental Solutions  
Los Osos, California  
January 2014

Sumitomo Metal Mining Pogo LLC (Pogo) operates a solid waste incinerator (Unit ID 412) at the Pogo Mine located near Delta Junction, Alaska. The incinerator is subject to the requirements of the Clean Air Act New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste Incineration (CISWI) Units, 40 C.F.R. Part 60, Subpart CCCC (Subpart CCCC). An initial performance test was conducted on the incinerator during the period of September 29, 2013 through October 2, 2013. The source test program had two objectives: (1) to conduct the initial performance test of the CISWI unit to demonstrate compliance with the emission limits in Table 8 of Subpart CCCC; and (2) to establish the operating limits identified in Pogo's Petition submitted to EPA in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 60.2115. EPA approved Pogo's petition on September 27, 2013.

As required in 40 C.F.R. § 60.2200(b), Pogo hereby submits the values of the operating limits established during the initial performance test of the solid waste incinerator.

Pogo's petition identified the following seven incinerator operating parameters for which operating limits were established during the initial performance test.

- Waste Charge Rate Limit. The maximum waste charge limit was determined as the maximum rolling 1-hour average of the waste-charge weights recorded during the performance test.
- Charge Interval Limit. The minimum charge interval limit was established as the minimum time interval between waste charges recorded during the performance test.
- Primary Combustion Chamber Temperature Limit. The minimum temperature limit of the primary combustion chamber was determined as the minimum rolling 3-hour average temperature recorded during the performance test.
- Secondary Combustion Chamber Temperature Limit. The minimum temperature limit of the secondary combustion chamber was determined as the minimum rolling 3-hour average temperature recorded during the performance test.
- Primary Combustion Chamber Burn Time Limit. The minimum primary chamber burn time, following the final waste charge each day, was established as the primary burndown time of 5 hours, recorded during each day of the performance test.
- Secondary Combustion Chamber Burn Time Limit. The minimum secondary chamber burn time, following completion of the primary chamber burndown cycle, was established as the secondary burndown time of 2 hours, recorded during each day of the performance test.
- Waste Composition Limits. The maximum daily weight-percent for each waste component (i.e., municipal solid waste (MSW), sludge, and adsorbs) was determined as the maximum weight-percent of each component that was burned on any one day during the three-day performance test.

To establish the operating limits, all identified operating parameters were monitored and recorded by Pogo during the performance test. These monitoring data were compiled, and operating limits were calculated based on the applicable averaging times. The monitoring data and operating-limit calculations are provided as Attachment 1. Table 1 presents a summary of the operating limits.

The waste component operating limits were established according to the approach presented to Pogo by EPA during a September 18, 2013 teleconference meeting. On each test day, the waste composition consisted of different percentages of the three components: MSW, sewage sludge, and cleanup adsorbs. The highest percentage of each waste component that was burned on one of those days established its upper bound. The waste composition's highest sludge percentage, 49 percent, occurred on test-day 1, and therefore the upper bound for sludge was established at 49 percent. Similarly, 27 percent adsorbs and 76 percent MSW were established as upper bounds on test-days 2 and 3, respectively.

**TABLE 1**  
**OPERATING LIMITS - POGO INCINERATOR UNIT ID 412**

PARAMETER	OPERATING LIMIT	AVERAGING PERIOD
Waste charge rate	Maximum charge weight = 53 lb	Rolling 1-hr average
Waste charge interval	Minimum charge interval = 15 min	none
Temperature of the primary combustion chamber	Minimum primary combustion chamber temperature = 1,381 °F	Rolling 3-hr average (of 1-min DAS measurements <sup>2</sup> )
Temperature of the secondary combustion chamber	Minimum secondary combustion chamber temperature = 1,813 °F	Rolling 3-hr average (of 1-min DAS measurements <sup>2</sup> )
Primary combustion chamber burn time	Minimum duration of primary chamber burndown cycle = 5 hr after final waste charge each operating day	none
Secondary combustion chamber burn time	Minimum duration of secondary chamber burndown cycle = 2 hr after completion of primary burndown cycle	none
Waste Composition	Maximum daily percent (by weight) of a given waste component: MSW <sup>1</sup> = 76% Sludge = 49% Adsorbs = 27%	Rolling 3-day average of daily waste-component percents

<sup>1</sup>MSW = municipal solid waste, and consists of the combined weights of Type II (dry) and Type III (wet) wastes

<sup>2</sup>Data acquisition system (DAS) to be installed and used for continuous monitoring of primary- and secondary-chamber temperatures, as well as waste charge rate, waste charge interval, and primary and secondary burndown times

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**OPERATING LIMIT CALCULATIONS**

**Pogo Mine Incinerator Performance Test - Sep/Oct 2013**  
**Measured & Rolling 1-hr Average Waste-Load Weights**

Date & Run ID	Waste Charge Wt (lb)	
	Measured	1-Hr Average*
29-Sep I5-1	37	
	42	
	50	
	53	46
	47	48
	62	53
29-Sep I29-1	43	51
	45	49
	53	51
	47	47
	45	48
29-Sep I23-1	42	47
	51	46
	44	46
	42	45
	43	45
	38	42
30-Sep I23-2	41	41
	33	39
	44	39
	45	41
	53	44
	45	47
30-Sep I5-2	49	48
	44	48
	45	46
	46	46
	44	45
30-Sep I29-2	41	44
	44	44
	40	42
	42	42
	42	42
	46	43
1-Oct I29-3	46	44
	44	44
	47	45
	43	45
	43	44
	50	46
1-Oct I23-3	50	47
	61	51
	46	52
	43	50
	46	49
	40	44
1-Oct I5-3	45	44
	44	44
	45	44
	44	44
	45	44
	40	48
1-Oct I5-3	46	46
	44	48
	50	49
	61	51
	50	51
1-Oct I5-3	49	53
	53	53
	40	48
	43	46
	47	46
1-Oct I5-3	43	43
	50	46
	40	46
	43	46
	50	46
<b>Maximum</b>		<b>53</b>

\*Rolling 1-hr average based on assumed charge  
interval of approx. 15 minutes

**Pogo Mine Incinerator Performance Test - Sep/Oct 2013**  
**Measured & Rolling 1-hr Average Waste Charge Intervals**

Date & Run ID	Waste Charge Interval (min)
29-Sep I5-1	16
	16
	16
	17
	16
29-Sep I29-1	16
	16
	15
	16
29-Sep I23-1	16
	17
	16
	16
	16
	17
30-Sep I23-2	15
	16
	16
	16
	16
	16
30-Sep I5-2	16
	16
	16
	16
30-Sep I29-2	16
	16
	16
	16
	16
	16
1-Oct I29-3	16
	16
	16
	16
	16
	16
1-Oct I23-3	16
	16
	16
	16
	16
	16
1-Oct I5-3	17
	16
	16
	16
<b>Minimum</b>	<b>15</b>

Pogo Mine Incinerator Performance Test - Sep/Oct 2013

Measured & Rolling 1-hr Average Temperatures (°F) - Primary and Secondary Combustion Chambers

Day 1	Primary Chamber			Secondary Chamber			Day 2	Primary Chamber			Secondary Chamber			Day 3	Primary Chamber			Secondary Chamber			
	mln	Measured*	3-hr Ave	Measured*	3-hr Ave	mln	Measured*	3-hr Ave	Measured*	3-hr Ave	mln	Measured*	3-hr Ave	Measured*	3-hr Ave	mln	Measured*	3-hr Ave	Measured*	3-hr Ave	
09/29/13 15-1	0	1440	-	1832	-	09/30/13	0	989	-	1770	-	10/01/13	0	1085	-	1817	-	1817	-	1817	-
	5	1566	-	1835	-		123-2	5	806	-	1521	-		129-3	5	1184	-	1819	-	1819	-
	10	1416	-	1827	-			10	1105	-	1758	-			10	1183	-	1816	-	1816	-
	15	1381	-	1835	-			15	1151	-	1779	-			15	1169	-	1818	-	1818	-
	20	1473	-	1832	-			20	1129	-	1775	-			20	1164	-	1824	-	1824	-
	25	1494	-	1816	-			25	1287	-	1833	-			25	1186	-	1831	-	1831	-
	30	1488	-	1836	-			30	1485	-	1815	-			30	1173	-	1818	-	1818	-
	35	1485	-	1837	-			35	1387	-	1814	-			35	1168	-	1828	-	1828	-
	40	1543	-	1831	-			40	1373	-	1824	-			40	1166	-	1825	-	1825	-
	45	1431	-	1825	-			45	1491	-	1818	-			45	1360	-	1820	-	1820	-
	50	1457	-	1817	-			50	1411	-	1831	-			50	1339	-	1830	-	1830	-
	55	1482	-	1827	-			55	1384	-	1832	-			55	1311	-	1827	-	1827	-
	60	1428	-	1835	-			60	1362	-	1818	-			60	1305	-	1817	-	1817	-
	65	1475	-	1826	-			65	1412	-	1829	-			65	1429	-	1826	-	1826	-
	70	1403	-	1822	-			70	1363	-	1825	-			70	1477	-	1834	-	1834	-
	75	1421	-	1815	-			75	1337	-	1819	-			75	1426	-	1819	-	1819	-
	80	1551	-	1819	-			80	1334	-	1832	-			80	1439	-	1821	-	1821	-
	85	1445	-	1817	-			85	1390	-	1820	-			85	1447	-	1825	-	1825	-
	90	1453	-	1834	-			90	1445	-	1827	-			90	1433	-	1830	-	1830	-
	95	1480	-	1836	-			95	1447	-	1825	-			95	1457	-	1818	-	1818	-
	100	1515	-	1838	-			100	1455	-	1826	-			100	1454	-	1833	-	1833	-
	105	1596	-	1838	-			105	1480	-	1825	-			105	1452	-	1821	-	1821	-
	110	1512	-	1838	-			110	1440	-	1826	-			110	1433	-	1820	-	1820	-
09/29/13 129-1	115	1482	-	1834	-			115	1417	-	1820	-			115	1476	-	1819	-	1819	-
	120	1539	-	1833	-			120	1412	-	1819	-			120	1476	-	1834	-	1834	-
	125	1606	-	1830	-			125	1476	-	1826	-			125	1410	-	1819	-	1819	-
	130	1551	-	1822	-			130	1483	-	1824	-			130	1441	-	1822	-	1822	-
	135	1533	-	1834	-			135	1479	-	1875	-			135	1461	-	1823	-	1823	-
	140	1590	-	1827	-			140	1477	-	1819	-			140	1457	-	1835	-	1835	-
	145	1625	-	1819	-			145	1528	-	1818	-			145	1495	-	1833	-	1833	-
	150	1574	-	1817	-			150	1494	-	1826	-			150	1404	-	1829	-	1829	-
	155	1542	-	1833	-			155	1440	-	1834	-			155	1493	-	1829	-	1829	-
	160	1590	-	1826	-			160	1470	-	1823	-			160	1400	-	1817	-	1817	-
	165	1516	-	1817	-			165	1582	-	1828	-			165	1588	-	1838	-	1838	-
	170	1453	-	1816	-			170	1578	-	1826	-			170	1529	-	1822	-	1822	-
	175	1435	-	1834	-			175	1517	-	1825	-			175	1438	-	1835	-	1835	-
	180	1508	1501	1832	1828			180	1507	1397	1825	1813			180	1508	1381	1832	1825	1825	
	185	1542	1500	1819	1828			185	1577	1418	1830	1821			185	1507	1390	1827	1825	1825	
	190	1484	1502	1819	1827			190	1501	1429	1832	1823			190	1419	1397	1831	1826	1826	
	195	1468	1505	1816	1827			195	1445	1437	1819	1825			195	1451	1405	1818	1826	1826	
	200	1520	1506	1833	1827			200	1432	1446	1835	1826			200	1440	1412	1821	1826	1826	
	205	1483	1506	1824	1827			205	1442	1450	1828	1826			205	1510	1421	1819	1825	1825	
09/29/13 123-1	210	1391	1503	1836	1827			210	1406	1448	1834	1827			210	1450	1429	1825	1826	1826	
	215	1464	1502	1832	1827			215	1504	1451	1835	1827			215	1402	1436	1819	1825	1825	
	220	1434	1499	1819	1827			220	1405	1452	1822	1827			220	1391	1442	1821	1825	1825	
	225	1400	1499	1821	1827			225	1522	1454	1834	1828			225	1524	1446	1819	1825	1825	
	230	1392	1497	1822	1827			230	1455	1456	1820	1827			230	1433	1449	1829	1825	1825	
	235	1425	1495	1836	1827			235	1405	1456	1819	1827			235	1451	1453	1821	1825	1825	
	240	1402	1494	1821	1827			240	1395	1457	1835	1827			240	1484	1458	1830	1825	1825	
	245	1487	1495	1837	1827			245	1538	1461	1826	1827			245	1460	1459	1821	1825	1825	
	250	1473	1497	1831	1827			250	1504	1464	1822	1827			250	1403	1457	1821	1825	1825	
	255	1522	1500	1820	1827			255	1472	1468	1819	1827			255	1456	1457	1830	1825	1825	
	260	1470	1497	1826	1827			260	1423	1471	1822	1827			260	1437	1457	1822	1825	1825	
	265	1419	1497	1825	1828			265	1514	1474	1820	1827			265	1590	1461	1822	1825	1825	
	270	1418	1496	1827	1827			270	1456	1474	1830	1827			270	1593	1466	1836	1825	1825	
	275	1427	1494	1833	1827			275	1408	1473	1824	1827			275	1555	1469	1822	1825	1825	
	280	1409	1491	1819	1827			280	1400	1472	1825	1827			280	1531	1471	1825	1825	1825	
	285	1443	1487	1831	1827			285	1546	1474	1821	1827			285	1658	1476	1837	1826	1826	
	290	1419	1484	1824	1826			290	1535	1476	1836	1827			290	1633	1482	1836	1826	1826	
	295	1423	1483	1835	1826			295	1523	1479	1820	1827			295	1587	1485	1824	1826	1826	
	300	1480	1481	1836	1826			300	1519	1482	1823	1827			300	1574	1488	1821	1826	1826	
	305	1418	1476	1817	1826			305	1618	1486	1826	1827			305	1679	1495	1843	1827	1827	
	310	1412	1472	1838	1826			310	1564	1491	1821	1827			310	1736	1503	1830	1827	1827	
	315	1474	1470	1821	1826			315	1622	1495	1828	1826			315	1782	1512	1822	1827	1827	
	320	1480	1467	1821	1826			320	1618	1499	1851	1827									

Pogo Mine Incinerator Performance Test - Sep/Oct 2013

Waste Component Percentages - Test Day 1

Date	Run #	Charge #	Type II (lb)	Type III (lb)	Sludge (lb)	Adsorbs (lb)	TOTAL (lb)
9/29/2013	I-5-1	1	37				37
		2			27	15	42
		3	20	30			50
		4			33	20	53
		5	27	20			47
		6			30	32	62
	I-29-1	1	15	28			43
		2			29	16	45
		3	19		34		53
		4			30	17	47
		5	10		35		45
	I-23-1	1	14		28		42
		2	22		29		51
		3	16		28		44
		4			28	14	42
		5			29	14	43
		6			29	10	39
		7			30	11	41
		8		21		12	33
		TOTAL	180	99	419	161	859

Component	MSW <sup>1</sup>	Sludge	Adsorbs
Percent	32%	49%	19%

<sup>1</sup>MSW = Type II + Type III

**Pogo Mine Incinerator Performance Test - Sep/Oct 2013**

**Waste Component Percentages - Test Day 2**

Date	Run #	Charge #	Type II (lb)	Type III (lb)	Sludge (lb)	Adsorbs (lb)	TOTAL (lb)
9/30/2013	I-23-2	1		34		10	44
		2	18	27			45
		3		35		18	53
		4	29	16			45
		5			30	19	49
		6	24	20			44
		7			28	17	45
		8			30	16	46
	I-5-2	1	20	24			44
		2			28	13	41
		3			28	16	44
		4			29	11	40
		5			29	13	42
	I-29-2	1	13		29		42
		2		29		17	46
		3		24		20	44
		4		36		11	47
		5			29	14	43
		6		29		14	43
		7			28	22	50
		8			30	20	50
		TOTAL	104	274	318	251	947

Component	MSW <sup>1</sup>	Sludge	Adsorbs
Percent	40%	34%	27%

<sup>1</sup>MSW = Type II + Type III

Pogo Mine Incinerator Performance Test - Sep/Oct 2013  
Waste Component Percentages - Test Day 3

Date	Run #	Charge #	Type II (lb)	Type III (lb)	Sludge (lb)	Adsorbs (lb)	TOTAL (lb)
10/1/2013	I-29-3	1	23	38			61
		2	27	19			46
		3	26	17			43
		4	20	26			46
		5		30		10	40
		6	16	29			45
		7			30	14	44
		8	21	24			45
	I-23-3	1	25	31			56
		2		37		10	47
		3			28	16	44
		4	23	27			50
		5		48		13	61
		6	22	28			50
		7		33		16	49
		8			28	25	53
	I-5-3	1	21	19			40
		2	10	33			43
		3	17	30			47
		4	24	19			43
		5			29	21	50
		TOTAL	275	488	115	125	1003

Component	MSW <sup>1</sup>	Sludge	Adsorbs
Percent	76%	11%	12%

<sup>1</sup>MSW = Type II + Type III